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SUBJECT: REFORGER 77 AND EVANS/NOVAK ARTICLES ON PRM-10:
PRESS GUIDANCE

REF: MUNICH 2529 DTG 291555Z AUG 77 (REPEATED TO
ADDRESSEES AS BONN 14184 DTG 301502Z AUG 77)

1. REFTEL NOTES THAT "REFORGER 77" EXERCISE, WHICH IS
SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN BAVARIA ON SEPTEMBER 9, CALLS FOR
U.S. FORCES TO DEFEND A LINE JUST WEST OF THE LECH RIVER.
EVANS AND NOVAK ARTICLE OF AUGUST 3 ALLEGED THAT SOME OF
PRM-10 OPTIONS FOR DEFENSE OF EUROPE ENVISAGED SURRENDER
OF GERMAN TERRITORY EAST OF THE WESER-LECH LINE. IT IS
THEREFORE POSSIBLE THAT PRESS MAY SEEK TO CONNECT ARTICLE
TO EXERCISE AND THEREBY REVIVE CHARGES OF U.S. ABANDON-
MENT OF FORWARD DEFENSE.

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2. SHOULD SUBJECT BE RAISED BY PRESS, WE SUGGEST RES-
PONSE ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

"REFORGER 77 IS NOT AN EXERCISE OF WAR PLANS. IT IS
A MOVEMENT OF TROOPS AND AN EXERCISE IN COMMAND AND
CONTROL ONCE THEY HAVE ARRIVED IN A NEW LOCATION.

THE SITE OF THE REFORGER 77 EXERCISE WAS SELECTED
BY THE FRG MINISTRY OF DEFENSE IN 1976.

AS YOU KNOW, PRESIDENT CARTER, IN A MESSAGE TO THE
ATLANTIC TREATY ASSOCIATION ON AUGUST 27, REITERATED THAT
THE U.S. REMAINS 'CATEGORICALLY COMMITTED TO NATO'S
STRATEGY OF FORWARD DEFENSE AND FLEXIBLE RESPONSE'."

3. THIS RESPONSE HAS BEEN COORDINATED WITH THE FMOD.
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